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“The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh” — James 5:8

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The First Lay Witnesses in Norway 1708 - 1796

Yes, our people have been taught the living truth for 200 years, but how few have responded! The dead historical Christianity has been and still is prevalent. And how have the living witnesses been received?

The first living lay witnesses who came to Norway, that we know of, were two young spiritual men, Hammer and Funch – in 1706.

They came to Oslo and neighboring parishes and towns. They preached repentance; they preached life - in power and in the Holy Spirit. They preached against formalism and ritualism. The ministers soon called them in for examination and found some 15 wrong doctrines in their preaching, and had them chased out of Norway.

On October 2, 1706, they issued a law against the so-called “peculiar ones.” They should never be tolerated. They were much more afraid of them than of the devil himself. But a few souls had been awakened to life in God.

God now raised up a few pietistic and living ministers – Anders Hoff, Johannes Gren and in the northern part Thomas von Westen. The living Christians would come long distances to hear them preach the living Truth from experience. Revivals followed and soon a number of lay witnesses appeared again, notably Nils Monich, Gert Hansen, and an unmarried lady, named “Jomfru Freymann,” whose great-grandfather had died for his faith in Prague. So the voice of the turtle-dove was heard in the land and sinners were called to repentance. But the dead preachers got busy again and through the government issued a new ordinance not to forbid but strongly to regulate all lay-preaching. This was in 1741. “Let us not forbid, but let us control and regulate this new movement,” because of the watchword of the ordained ministers. However, Jomfru Freymann and many

Christians were led to prison through the streets of Oslo, while the mob laughed, scorned and sneered.

But now the heavy fog of infidelity and rationalism in addition to dead orthodoxy was creeping slowly from England and France and into Germany and up through Denmark, Sweden and Norway. It came mostly through the universities. God’s own Word was tested by the human reason. Higher criticism, higher education, human enlightenment was to take the place of God’s living truth. A cold and dark night was ushered in and settled down upon our people until 1796.

Hans Nielsen Hauge – the Father of Lay Activity and the Spiritual Life Movement Among the Norwegians in Norway and America

To describe the life of this great apostle of repentance and Christian testimony, about whom so many books have been written, cannot now be done. He was a great gift from heaven to the Norse people. He was born April 3, 1771, in the Tune parish, southeast of Oslo. The outstanding day for himself, for lay activity and Norse Church history was April 5, 1796, when out in the field, after a long spiritual struggle, he was born again, set free and filled with the Holy Spirit. He received the call from heaven to confess the name of Christ at all occasions and call sinners to repentance. The glory of God filled his soul for some three weeks in such a way that he hardly felt the need of eating, drinking or even sleeping - only a couple of hours a night, and people thought he was going crazy.

Then came a new fight. Then the testing. Then the fiery darts of the devil – while God pressed on with the high calling. “O, send someone else!” he cried. “Send a profes-

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sor! Send a bishop! How can I, a young ignorant farmer, go out preaching the Gospel? Let me die!" But God whispered: "Will you now die? Before you served sin. I have saved you from sin. Should you not serve me now?" So the call stood forth plain and big as a cloudless moon and Hauge was sent out by the Holy Ghost – out and out and out, through the length and breadth of Norway with a burning message from a burning heart: Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

To sum it all up: From April 5, 1796, to his long imprisonment which began October 24, 1804, Hauge found a wonderful outlet for the spiritual power God had given Him. He went from house to house, from parish to parish, from one end of the country to another, preaching the living Truth. The 600 churches of Norway were there to be sure, and everybody was a church member. There was organization, but no life, no power. Now the Gospel was preached from experience and in living power. Not in a single church would Hauge be permitted to preach or was ever permitted. No, not one. But outside the churches after services, in market places, in high-ways and by-ways, in private houses, doing personal work, along the roads as he traveled, he went on in his most wonderful, soul-saving career. I doubt if he ever held a meeting, unless it led to the conversion of one or more souls.

But the progress he did make, he made on his knees. (To be continued)

Taken from the book: *"The Hauge Movement in America."*

Treacherous Thorns

“As for what was sown among the thorns, this is he who hears the word but the cares of the world, and the delight in riches choke the word and it proves unfruitful” Matthew 13:22.

Poverty and riches can be effective thorns to choke the good seed. But when these become thorns they are most effective when riches and pleasure take the place of poverty in a person’s life.

A young man was earnest and God-fearing as long as his possessions were meager. Later he was thrust into a new world of temporal goods and business affairs. Soon it became impossible to identify him as the God-fearing man he once was.

A converted teacher became a lay-preacher in the church while his material possessions were scanty. He labored in season and out of season for the welfare of souls. Gradually his income increased. He came to possess a temporal fortune. But his heart was entranced by this fortune. His preaching became a repetition of his former meditations, and his concern for his flock waned.

Many similar examples could be related. Suffice this to show that the enticements and cares of riches can choke the Good Seed.

*“Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world’s golden store;
From each idol that would keep us
Saying, ‘Christian, love me more.’”*
(Cecil Fances Alexander, 1823-95.)

PRAYER: Sower of the Good Seed, purge away the thorns that would choke the Word in my heart; but give increase and growth in grace, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

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Editor’s Note: “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and that Day comes on you unexpectedly” Luke 21:34. *“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, not to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.”* 1 Timothy 6:10&17. *“Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. Two*

things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die); Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches – Feed me with the food allotted to me; Lest I be full and deny You, And say, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.”
Proverbs 30:5-9.

“Refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.” Ps. 142:4

The man of this Psalm complains that no one cared for his salvation. The man at the pool of Bethesda complained to Jesus and said: *“I have no man when the water is troubled to help me into the pool.”*

A medical missionary said to his friends as he left for his field in Persia: “I am sorry for you, that you cannot all go to Persia.”

He told of a young man with eye trouble who came to his office in the mission hospital soon after he had arrived on the field some years before. Nothing could be done to keep the young man from going blind. “You should have come sooner,” said the doctor.

“Sooner?” the young man replied, “I have been here all the time!”

All these people around us who do not know Christ have been here all the time, too. Do you care for their souls, or do they have to complain and say: “No man cared for my soul?” Could you not bring someone to Sunday School, to church, or to the Lord personally?

Dear Lord, help us to care for souls. Lead us to some soul today, and help us to win that soul to Thee. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus
Since I found in Him a Friend so strong and true:
I would tell you how He changed my life completely,
He did something that no other friend could do.*

No one ever cared for me like Jesus,
There’s no other friend so kind as He:
No one else could take the sin and darkness from me,
Oh, how much He cares for me.

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Taken from the ‘family’ devotional book; *“Altar Steps”*
by Pastor R. P. Haaksonson

Editor’s Note: This is another example why we heartily recommend this devotion book especially for the ‘family’. It is a year in length and can be obtained from us with a five dollar donation plus three dollars for shipping and handling.

My Father Cares

*My Father cares; He cares for me;
Should I then ever careful be?*

*What if the way to me looks dark'
Has it not all by Him been marked?
And will He not give grace to me
To walk in it, whate'er it be?*

*He knows my weakness, knows my need,
Knows every thought and word and deed,
Knows all my longings and desires.
Oh, yes, He knows, but more, He cares.*

*He cares, God cares - how grand the thought
In all my life that there is not
One detail not observed by Him!
Surely my cup o'erflows the brim.
Goodness and mercy, all my days,
Shall follow me. To Him be praise!
My Father knows, He loves, He cares.
My Father hears and answers prayers.
Though iron gates my way doth block,
At His command, it will unlock.*

*No matter what my sight may dim,
I always have recourse to Him.
And, with Him, all my care will cease,
And He will fill me with His peace,
And conscious knowledge of His love,
Which day to day, to me He'll prove.*

*My wants I will make known in prayer,
Then trust a loving Father's care.
His power, so great, His love, so strong,
Will fill my soul with endless song.*

Mabel E. Brown (Taken from 'Sword of the Lord').

RISEN WITH CHRIST

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1

The wise believer revels in the fact of Christ's resurrection. Some things in Scripture may be easier to identify with and apply, including Christ's substitutionary death, but it is the resurrection which gives us power to live victoriously. *"Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life"* Romans 6:4.

We have been *"crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed"* Romans 6:6. Nevertheless, we are risen with Him, as our text and elsewhere (Romans 6; Ephesians 2:1-10; etc) clearly teaches. This resurrection is an inward one, of course, but our bodily resurrection is also guaranteed by Christ's bodily resurrection, should we physically die. *"Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus"* 2 Corinthians 4:14.

Power to serve Him effectively comes through His resurrection, for we have access to the *"exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power. Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead"* Ephesians 1:19-20. We have authority over all human and demonic institutions through Him who even now operates as head of the living church of His followers.

Perhaps the most precious of all benefits of the resurrection is that *"we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens"* who is sympathetic to *"the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need"* Hebrews 4:14-16. JDM

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**A clean conscience and the grace
of God's forgiveness combine for a
soft pillow and a comfortable bed
every night**

The Name “Lutheran”

Do Not Believe Because Luther Believes

Many people believe on my account. But the only true believers are those who would continue to believe even if they were to hear (which God forbid!) that I have denied the faith and have fallen away from it. These are the people who pay no attention to the bad, terrible, and shameful things they hear about me or about our people; for they do not believe on Luther but on Christ Himself. The Word has them, and they have the Word. Luther they allow to go his way, be he scoundrel or saint. God is able to speak through Balaam as well as through Isaiah, through Caiaphas as well as through Peter; nay, He is able to speak through an ass. I, too, hold with such; for I myself do not know this Luther, nor do I care to know him. I preach nothing about him either, but I preach about Christ. The devil takes Luther hence – if he is able to do so! But he should allow Christ to remain in peace. Then I dare say we, too, shall remain.

- Letter to a layman, Hartmuth von Kronberg

Lutherans Share the Faith of Abraham

The Law and works do not justify, and yet the Law is to be taught, and works are to be taught and done, that we may understand our misery and may the more eagerly embrace grace.

This theology was not born with us, as those blasphemers, the papists, clamor. It was neither thought up nor invented by us. The Holy Paul transmits it and cites Moses as a witness for it – Moses, who says that Abraham believed God and that this was counted unto him for righteousness, that is, Abraham was accounted just because God had mercy on him when he believed the promise. But now every promise of God includes Christ, for without this Mediator God has nothing to do with us.

The difference, then, between the faith of Abraham and our faith is none other than this: Abraham believed in the Christ to come, while we believe in the Christ who has already come. By this faith all of us are saved.

- Lecture on Gen. 15:6, with a reference to Rom. 4:3

When “Lutheran” Dare Not Be Denied

It is true that you should never say: I am Lutheran or popish; for neither of them died for you; neither is your master. Only of Christ may this be said. Therefore you should profess to be a Christian. But if you believe that Luther’s doctrine is evangelical and the pope’s unevangelical, you must not flatly disown Luther; otherwise you also disown his doctrine, which you admittedly recognize as the doctrine of Christ. Rather you must say: Whether

Luther personally is a scoundrel or a saint means nothing to me. His doctrine, however, is not his but Christ’s own. For you see that the object of the tyrants is not only to slay Luther but also to extirpate the doctrine. They lay hands on you because of the doctrine, and for this reason they ask you whether you are Lutheran. Truly, here you should not speak in a weak whisper but should freely confess Christ, whether Luther, Nicholas, or George preached Him. Let the person go. But the doctrine you must confess.

- Writing - 1522, on communing with both bread and wine and other necessary changes in the churches

Taken from ‘*Martin Luther Speaks To Us*’.

Happy Christmas!

(Please read John 3:13-18)

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live” John 11:25.

Last Easter morning when I walked into church I saw my friend and greeted her, “Happy Christmas!” I quickly corrected myself. “I mean, Happy Easter!”

“Can’t have one without the other,” she smiled.

How true! Without Christmas, there wouldn’t be an Easter. And without the resurrection, this day would be just another day. In fact, we wouldn’t even be in church.

Christmas and Easter are the most joyful celebrations of the year for the Christian. In the first, we celebrate the incarnation (God taking on flesh and coming into the world). “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son ...” John 3:16.

In the second, we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. “He is not here, but is risen!” the angel said (Luke 24:6). From the beginning of time, these 2 days were inextricably linked in the master plan of the Father. Jesus was born to die for our sins and to conquer death so that we could live.

Which is more important? Christmas – the birth of the infant Jesus? Or Easter – the death and resurrection of the man, God’s Son? Both are essential – and both are a clear evidence of the Father’s love for us.

Happy Christmas! And Happy Easter! – Cindy Hess Kasper

*Jesus our Savior left heaven above,
Coming to earth as a Servant with love;
Laying aside all His glory, He came,
Bringing salvation through faith in His name. - Hess*

**Christmas and Easter – Two chapters
of the same Book.**

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Clouds and Rainbows

By A. C. Dixon (1854-1925)

"It shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud." Gen. 9:14.

God has given almost everything a tongue. The rising in the morning speaks to us of "*the Sun of righteousness ... with healing in His wings*" (Mal. 4:2). The stars in the heavens point to the Star of Bethlehem. The winds whisper to us of the work of the Spirit. The darkness of the night utters its gloomy prophecy of the sinner's doom.

The house in which we live reminds us of the "*house not made with hands*" (II Cor. 5:1), and the door through which we enter it tells of Him through whom we must enter the heavenly Home (John 10:9). The bread we eat and the water we drink preach to us of Him who is the Bread and Water of Life.

The flowers point to the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. The clothes we wear suggest the robe of righteousness which we may have for the asking. The sparrow in the bush twitters to us of the care of our Heavenly Father. The sheep in the meadow remind us of Him who is the Good Shepherd who careth for the sheep (John 10:11).

To all in whose memory the destruction of the world by water was fresh, the appearance of a cloud would portend evil. While the cloud thus spoke to them of sin and death, God chose another preacher to proclaim at the same time His goodness and mercy. On the dark background of wrath, He paints for us a beautiful picture of loving-kindness. "*It shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud,*" that their fear might give place to hope.

This is a world of clouds, but to the eye of faith, there is a bow on every cloud. It is my purpose now to look with you at these bows of promise.

1. SIN IS A CLOUD, BUT THERE IS A BOW OF PROMISE UPON ORIGINAL SIN "*As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*" 1 Cor. 15:22.

The sin we inherited from Adam is all atoned for by the death of Christ, without faith on our part. The infant that dies goes to Heaven because the death it has received from Adam is removed by the death of Christ. (*Editor: I am not so sure without Infant Baptism: I'll leave that in the hands of our Sovereign, Almighty God – we are instructed to 'baptize'*). In Christ, it is made alive to the same extent that it died in Adam.

We cannot be lost for Adam's sin. (*Editor: We are born sinners as ALL means ALL and that includes everyone!*) Christ is "*the true Light, which lighteth every man that com-*

eth into the world" (John 1:9). Every mother who has laid away her child is permitted to gaze with delight upon this bow of promise on the cloud of her bereavement. David saw it when he said, *I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.*" II Sam. 12:23.

The darkest of all clouds, however, is that of our own sins. But it is spanned by a bow of brightest promise; and, as in the rainbow, there are seven colors blending into each other. I see on the cloud of my sins seven promises which blend into one and make such a bow of beauty as only God's hand can paint. **Color of Forgiveness**

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins ..." 1 John 1:9.

Guilt is a cloud, black as night. Confess it to God, and at once His forgiveness shines upon you. No formal prayer is demanded. Confession is the best sort of praying. It implies faith and penitence. A simple confession of a fault by your child without any prayer for pardon would make you hasten to forgive. And this forgiveness comes only through Christ.

"Him hath God exalted...to give...forgiveness of sins." "*Through this man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins.*" Acts 5:31, 13:38.

Trying to atone for your sins by your penance only adds blackness to the cloud.

2. Color of Cleansing

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

Sin defiles. It pollutes the soul. If we could be forgiven without cleansing, we would be unfit for association with the pure in Heaven. Though forgiven and cleansed, the fact remains that we have once been guilty and defiled; but we are justified through Christ. We are to be treated now as if we had never sinned. In God's eyes, we are pure. We have been made "*the righteousness of God in him*" II Cor. 5:21.

This is a color, bright indeed, on the dark cloud of sin's guilt and defilement. And yet the color grows brighter.

3. Sin Covered Ocean-Deep

"Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Mic. 7:19.

On the surface and in the shallows, the ocean is turbulent; and in the shallows it may cast up mire and dirt. But there are depths which are never disturbed by any storm, into these depths, our sins have been cast by the pierced hand of Christ, and they will never be thrown up to condemn us for "*there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus*" Rom. 8:1.

A brighter color still is the fact that the very depths into which our sins are cast are:

4. Infinitely Removed From Us

“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.” Ps. 103:12.

The east and the west can never be brought together. No more can the sins of a believer be brought against him.

5. Our Sins Are Blotted Out

“I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins.” Isa. 44:22

In Heaven, there is no cloud; only the rainbow remains. Sin is forever gone. Holiness reigns.

6. Our Sins Are Not to Be Mentioned to Us

“All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him.” Ezek. 18:22.

Pardoned criminals not infrequently have their crimes thrown up at them. Their enemies may delight in reminding them that, though pardoned now, they have nevertheless committed crime. Not so when God has forgiven. He will never mention our sins!

Brightest of all is the promise that

7. Our Sins Will Be Forgotten

“I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” Jer. 31:34.

He who knows all things chooses to forget the sins that have been washed away by the blood of Christ. The cup of cold water given to a disciple in His name, He will not forget; but the greatest ever committed, when it has been covered by the merit of Christ, passes out of the memory of God.

Our sins forgiven, cleansed, covered ocean-deep, infinitely removed, blotted out, not to be mentioned, forgotten!

All through Jesus Christ! What a bow of promise with its seven colors upon the blackest cloud of sin!

II. TEMPTATION IS ANOTHER CLOUD HANGING OVER MANY

After we have been born again, there remains with us the flesh which must be crucified; and it dies hard. Many a man's constant liability to sin is the grief of his life. His consciousness of weakness oppresses him. Tomorrow is a cloud, because he knows it will bring temptations which he may not be strong enough to bear. Well, there is a seven-colored bow of promise on this cloud also.

1. God Will, If It Is Best for Us, Keep Us From Temptation

“I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation.” Rev. 3:10.

If He knows that the temptation is more than we can bear, He will certainly keep us from it, if we ask Him in faith.

2. If God Allows Us to Fall Into Temptation, He Will Deliver Us From It

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations.” 11 Pet. 2:9.

“God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also

make a way to escape.” 1 Cor. 10:13.

3. He Has Delivered Thousands of Others Tempted As We Are

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man.” 1 Cor. 10:13.

Take courage. Your case is not peculiar. Others have been tempted as you are, and they have been delivered. So will you be.

4. Jesus Sympathizes With the Tempted

“He himself hath suffered being tempted.” Heb. 2:18.

He suffered not only on the cross, but in temptation, sinless as He was. Let our suffering in the same way draw us very close to Him.

5. Christ's Temptations Were the Same As Ours

“In all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” Heb. 4:15.

Universally tempted He was – so that, even as a Man, He knows our case thoroughly and can help us.

6. Temptations, Resisted and Overcome, Develop Character

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

“knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.” Jas. 1:2-3.

7. Tempted Have Joys Others Cannot Experience

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation.” Jas. 1:12.

There can be no victory without struggle. And the joy of victory is in proportion to the intensity of the struggle.

Let us thank God for the temptations which yield us such when we have overcome them. Look, ye tempted, from the clouds of your weaknesses and failures to this bow of promise. Every promise of God is yea and amen (II Cor. 2:20). The God of the promise is able to fulfill it. Cease gazing at the cloud; gaze at the rainbow upon it.

III. SORROWS MAKES A VERY DARK CLOUD IN MANY LIVES

Adversity takes away money. Death takes away our loved ones. Disease takes away our health. Our friends forsake us, because they feel that they cannot afford to follow us into our changed surroundings. Responsibilities, which it seems we have not strength to bear, press upon us.

Is there a bow of promise for such a cloud? There is, and here is the promise that makes it: *My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness*” (II Cor. 12:9).

Paul prayed to be delivered from his thorn in the flesh. God answered his prayer by doing what He knew was best for Paul. He left the thorn and gave him grace to bear it.

God delivers from some things, and not others. He may

not see fit to bring the vessel into harbor, but with His hand on the rudder, He will guide it through the storm. *“Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee”* (Ps. 55:22).

He does not promise to bear all the weight of every burden, for He knows that burden bearing is what we need to give us solidity of character. But He will “sustain.” He will not let its weight crush us. On the contrary, it lays up treasures for the future. *“Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory”* (II Cor. 4:17).

Indeed, we may put into one cloud, black as night, all the clouds of earth, and here is a bow of promise for it: *“All things work together for good to them that love God”* (Rom. 8:28). Can you think of a cloud not included among the “all things” of this text?

A life with clouds may be very beautiful. To a traveler in the mountains, cloudless skies are not the most attractive. When he watches the sunset, he is disappointed unless he looks upon the clouds painted in all the colors of the rainbow.

Cloudless lives are not the most beautiful. A life with clouds of struggle and sorrow, all lighted up with the rays from the sun of Righteousness, far excels in beauty any sunset ever seen. The spray thrown up by the rushing torrent of Niagara greatly adds to the beauty of the Falls, because the sun paints rainbows upon it. And so, lives with Niagara-like torrents of struggle are the more beautiful for the clouds raised by such struggle, if they are flooded with light from Heaven.

Clouds with rainbows upon them give refreshment and fertility. There is one place where clouds are never seen, and that is the desert of Sahara. Desolation and death are twin monarchs there. We see nothing but clouds of dust, and on such clouds, raised by our own feet, rainbows do not appear.

The lives which have been richest in good works have been like the life of the Man of Sorrows - full of clouds, and a bow of promise on every cloud. God *“maketh the clouds his chariot”* (Ps. 104:3), and where God is, there is refreshment and there is usefulness.

If we would enjoy the rainbow, we must keep on the sunward side of the cloud. Walk in the light of God’s truth; keep near to Him who is the Light, and there will never be in your life a cloud without a bow of promise clearly seen.

If we are above the clouds, we see the colors of the rainbow all the time. I once climbed a high mountain and looked down on the clouds with the sun shining upon them. The view was beautiful beyond expression, as if a thousand rainbows had been ground to powder and their dust scattered beneath us. By and by, we who believe in Jesus will be above the clouds.

Taken from ‘Sword of the Lord’.

God’s Kind Care

*God hath not promised
Skies always blue.
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives thro’:
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.*

*God hath not promised
We shall not know
Toil and temptation,
Trouble and woe’
He hath not told us
We shall not bear
Many a burden,
Many a care.*

*God hath not promised
Smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel,
Needing no guide,
Never a mountain,
Rocky and steep,
Never a river,
Turbid and deep.*

*But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.*

Annie Johnson Flint

Editorial

RES

Circumspectly

“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” (Romans 13:11-14)

It does not take a ‘*great theologian*’ to say that possibly we are living close the ‘midnight’ hour; when the *great trumpet* will sound and the dead in Christ shall rise first and then we which are ‘in Christ’ shall be caught up with them in the air and so shall **ever be** with ‘our’ Savior! Certainly at least we are living in **perilous times**; which means “full of or attended with peril; hazardous, dangerous. In other words, very difficult times. It is described in some detail in **II Timothy chapter three**.

WHEN morals all around ‘us’ are decaying at an astonishing pace; the ‘economy’ is as shifting sand, and governments are falling apart; a person (unsaved) wonders where he can go for something **Secure!**

I remember so clearly a conversation(s) that took place many years ago, as a certain ‘deacon’ and I would meet on the street of this small town and eventually many times end up talking about ‘signs of the times’. This “Deacon” would often close the brief conversation with ‘Remember Pastor keep looking up!’ You know when you *just* think and converse on a horizontal level, things can become very discouraging *today*. No wonder that our very thoughtful Savior reminds us clearly to seek those things which are *above* as ‘we’ look unto the Author & Finisher of ‘our’ faith, and in the mean time ‘seek those things which are above!’ The reason clearly stated is that where ‘our’ *treasure is*, there will ‘our **heart**’ be ALSO!

Supposedly Martin Luther was asked what he would do IF he knew for certain that our LORD was coming tomorrow? And his ‘answer’ was somewhat like this: Even though if I knew the Lord was coming tomorrow; but He told me to plant ‘trees’ today, I would plant trees! In other words ‘OBEDIENCE’, which leads me to the topic that I would like to mention in this ‘editorial’ – **circumspectly!** NOW just what does that word mean?

Circumspectly = Watchful on all sides; Cautious; prudent: well considered. Ephesians 5:13-15 states: “*But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He*

says: ‘Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.’ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise.” A ‘fool’ is one who does not make use of the knowledge that he has! Ephesians 5 states that we are to buy back (redeem) the time because the days are Evil. Then we are to be ‘controlled’ (filled) by the Holy Spirit; because *sooner or later* Jesus is **coming in a twinkling of an EYE!**

When JESUS speaks on His coming in His WORD; the intent is not for ‘speculation’ but encouraging ‘us’ to walk closer to Him in *godly living!* You know ‘our’ ‘old nature’ (self life) loves darkness rather than LIGHT.

“And now, little children, abide (dwell/remain) in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. Behold what manner of love, the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” 1 John 2:28 & 3:1-2.

REMEMBER “*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecuted you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.”* Matthew 5:10-11.

This ‘editorial’ is not the word of an empty cliché intended to offer false encouragement during the insanity of the present hour of history, but words of Biblical TRUTH.

All true believers are those who have been purchased with the *blood of Jesus Christ* and are included in the Blood bought Bride of Jesus and thus citizens of heaven. This earth is not our final home. We are pilgrims/foreigners who are just passing through. At the end of this period of GRACE; all things of heaven and earth will be gathered *in Christ*, and we have an inheritance *in Him*. (Ephesians 1:2-18).

It is fitting and timely to remind ourselves of our exalted (GRACE) position *in Christ* which is of such value that all the treasures of this world combined are not worthy to be compared. **“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world; and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works”** Matthew 16:26-27.

Our “inheritance” *in Christ* is incorruptible, undefiled and fades not away. We can take confidence in this: Our

inheritance is guarded by God himself in the vault of His omnipotence (1 Peter 1:3-5). There will be no thieves to steal, no banks to crash, and no governments (in debt) to devalue or tax your “inheritance”.

“Therefore be patient (perseverance) brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently (expectance) for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient (also expectance). Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand” James 5:7-8.

WHEN A ROAD TO DEATH BECAME A ROAD TO LIFE!

Years ago a good friend of mine the late Doman Phillips, told me his true story that I would like to share with you all today.

When Dorman was in the Korean War he met a young man who was a Japanese-American. The young man had been born and raised in Japan. And this man had a unique story on how he came to America.

At the age of fourteen he was going to be a kamikaze bomber. For those who don't know, a kamikaze bomber is a Japanese version of what we call suicide bombers. They would fly their airplanes often filled with bombs and other explosives into ships and other targets blowing themselves up and anyone who gets in their way!

Anyway this young man got in the plane. They had his plane on some type of catapult. They were going to shoot the plane out with this catapult type thing and he was to land it in an American ship or some other target and would blow up both the target and himself! But GOD had other plans for him!

For some American bombs were fired at him! They hit destroying the catapult and injuring him! But he survived and was taken captive by our troops! As a result of his young age he wound up taken in and raised by some American citizens in this country.

Thanks to him surviving the attack and him coming to this country, this young man turned to the Lord Jesus Christ and was gloriously saved! At the time Dorman met him the young man was studying for the ministry!

This young man was on a certain road to death! Not just physical death for we all got that appointment (Heb. 9:27, 1 Kings 2:2). But rather he was on the road to eternal death in Hell (Luke 16:19-31); Mark 9:43-48). He was on that Broad Road to eternal Destruction.

Matt. 7:13 *“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is*

the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.”

It looked for sure that he was on a catapult that was going to hurl him into a Christless eternity! But thank God in HIS great love and mercy stopped this young man. And as a result God gave him another chance and he chose JESUS!

Today if you don't know JESUS CHRIST as Savior and Lord of your life you are like that young man. You are on that catapult that is ready to hurl you into eternity lost without Christ. Hell and Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15) are certain for you if you don't repent of your sins (Luke 13:1-5) and put your faith in the LORD JESUS CHRIST!

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

That young Japanese man was on the road to death. But it became his road to life when he later on received Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God in his life and was born again (John 3:18).

Today, sinner friend, why not repent of your sin and by faith (Eph. 2:8-9, Heb. 11:6) receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

John 1:12 *“But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”*

If you do, you will go off of the Road to Eternal Death in Hell and the Lake of Fire and enter onto the Road to Eternal Life in Christ Jesus.

John 10:10 *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”*

Pastor Warren ‘Chip’ Roy, Stephens City, VA 22655

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

Rick Warren Teams up With Swedenborg Cult Follower Dr. Oz

On January 15, Rick Warren ...kicked off a 52-week Daniel Plan to become healthier with Dr. Mehmet Oz, a follower of cult leader Emmanuel Swedenborg.

According to Warren's web site, his church will host a 52-week course to stress losing weight and becoming healthier. The kick-off eventincluded Dr. Mehmet Oz, Dr. Daniel Amen, and Dr. Mark Hyman. All three have Eastern spiritual connections.

Dr. Mehmet Oz is a follower of Emmanuel Swedenborg, according to the New Church web site. He has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show and is professor of cardiac surgery at Columbia University.

He is inspired by Emmanuel Swedenborg, a cult leader who died in 1772 in Sweden. Swedenborgianism has up to 50,000 members worldwide...They deny the atonement, the Trinity and the deity of the Holy Spirit.

They believe all religions lead to God and that Christianity must go through a rebirth. Also, they do not believe in a personal Devil. They believe the Bible is not inspired and that when people die, they become angels or evil spirits...

The other two speakers are Dr. Daniel Amen and Dr. Mark Hyman. Dr. Amen teaches tantric sex, a Hindu mystical approach to sex. He teaches Eastern religion meditation and energy-based Reiki, a New Age practice. Dr. Mark Hyman promotes mystical meditation based on Buddhist principles.

Christian Newswire

North Carolina Council of Churches to Be Led by Open Homosexual

The North Carolina Council of Churches has elected an openly homosexual man as its incoming president.

The council selected 55-year-old Stan Kimer, a lay leader in the Metropolitan Community Churches...

The council's executive director, the Rev. George Reed, says this is the first time a southern state church council has been led by an openly homosexual person.

...The council promotes left-leaning legislative goals on policies including immigration, guns and the death penalty. Kimer, a retired IBM sales executive, says he wants young people more involved in inter-church activism.

OneNewsNow.com

Islamic Countries Dominate World Watch List

Despite communist North Korea topping the annual Open Doors World Watch List (WWL) for the ninth consecutive year, the most dangerous countries in which to practice Christianity are overwhelmingly Islamic ones.

Of the top 10 countries on the 2011 WWL, eight have Islamic majorities. Persecution has increased in seven of them. They are Iran, which clamps down on a growing (Christian) movement; Afghanistan, where thousands of believers cluster deep underground; and Saudi Arabia, which still refuses to allow any Saudi person to convert to Christianity. Others are lawless Somalia, ruled by blood thirsty terrorists threatening to kill Christian aid workers who feed Somalia's starving, impoverished people; tiny Maldives, which mistakenly boasts it is 100 percent Islamic; Yemen, with its determination to expel all Christian workers; and Iraq, which saw extremists massacre 58 Christians ...on October 31. Of the top 30 countries, only seven have a source other than Islamic extremists as the main persecutors of Christians ...

The annual World Watch List is compiled by the research department of Open Doors International. It tracks the shifting conditions under which Christians live in 77 societies and then ranks the top 50 where it is hardest to practice the Christian faith.

The country that saw the greatest deterioration of Christian religious freedom in the reporting period from November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010, was Iraq, jumping from No. 17 to No. 8...

Christian Newswire

Editor's Note: The term "Christian" in this report is likely used in a broad sense; not necessarily 'born-again'.

BUT, regardless, pray for those of the household of faith – especially for the 'persecuted' brethren!

Pakistan Mourns Slain Governor Who Backed Christian

The governor of Pakistan's Punjab province was assassinated (January 4) by his bodyguard.

Salman Taseer was one of the most vocal advocates for Asia Bibi, a Christian mother sentenced to death for alleged blasphemy, and an opponent of the country's blasphemy laws.

He was shot dead while walking through an Islama-

bad market by a bodyguard who opposed the governor's position...

Just last month, Taseer denounced Pakistan's blasphemy laws, which provide for death for defiling Islam or its prophets; life imprisonment for defiling, damaging, or desecrating the Quran; and 10 years' imprisonment for insulting "another's religious feelings." ...

Taseer's support for Bibi's release made him a target for Islamic extremists....Taseer had a fatwa-a religious ruling of, in this case, an order to kill-on his head.

Nathan Black for ChristianPost.com

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Question - Answered

By Dr. John R. Rice

Is It All Right to Take Liquor for a Cold?

First, it is silly for anybody to take alcoholic liquor for a cold. Liquor is not good medicine, and very few reputable doctors would recommend liquor for medicine in any case; and I do not know of a single one that thinks alcoholic drink has any virtue at all in the treatment of a cold.

A cold is a respiratory infection. Certain antibiotic drugs prepare the body to throw off the infection better. But alcohol leaves an acid reaction which would be harmful instead of helpful. Certain other drugs tend to keep the nasal passages open and relieve the symptoms of a cold. One who takes any kind of alcoholic drink for a cold simply seeks an excuse.

From the Bible viewpoint, one is not justified in keeping alcoholic liquor in the home or drinking it. The Scripture says, "*Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.*" Prov. 20:1.

Again, the Scripture says, "*Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.*" Prov. 23:31.

Again, anyone who drinks liquor is likely to be enslaved by it. And 1 Corinthians 6:10 plainly says, "*Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*"

The drunkard is not to inherit the kingdom of God. Alcoholic beverages are not good for well people, and they are not good for sick people.

Is It All Right to Drink If You Do It in Moderation?

A moderate drinker is the only one a drunkard is made out of; a total abstainer never turns out to be a drunkard. Anything that is certain to ruin about one person out of

nine that start it surely is a sin; and if you take even a little liquor and so encourage someone else to drink who will be ruined in body and mind and soul by it, then surely you would be accountable to God for the ruin of that one.

You say that someone argued, "Christ drank fermented wine at the Last Supper." Of course, the poor ignorant man knows nothing about it and probably doesn't want to know.

The Bible says nothing about Jesus' taking wine at the Last Supper. The Scripture says, "*And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it.*" Matt. 26:27.

And the only time the Lord's Supper is mentioned in the Bible, the liquid is called "the cup" or "the fruit of the vine." I think it is obvious that Jesus would not have a certain thing written in the Bible and then go against it Himself.

Taken from "*Sword of the Lord*"

Editor's Note: AMEN! Furthermore "*Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor. Pressing him to your bottle. Even to make him drunk. That you may look on his nakedness!* Habakkuk 2:15. ALSO **Proverbs 23:26 - 24:1.**

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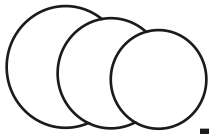
Consider the Ant!

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." Prov. 6:6

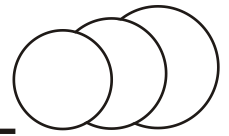
1. The ant is a tiny creature!
2. The ants live together in a community!
3. The ant has a mind to work (very energetic)!
4. The ants generate strength by their common labor together!
5. The ant is very creative and industrious, a builder of untiring zeal!
6. The ants each have a job, and each does it!
7. The ant uses today to prepare for tomorrow!

Conclusion

"The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer." Prov. 30:25



From Our Fellowship Circle



J. & G. Y.

Webster, SD

Dear Friends in Christ,

We enjoy receiving the *Morning Glory*, for you have good articles to read which pertain to things happening in the world today and also life changing messages.

We're enclosing a gift to help this ministry.

May God bless you always.

Mr. & Mrs. M. W.

MN

In loving memory of Gilbert Olson who died on January 22nd at the age 101 years old; for the ministry of the *Morning Glory*. Also included is a memorial gift in loving memory of Marvin Roisland who was 79 years of age and died on February 15, 2011.

E. S.

Hendricks, MN

Enclosed is a check for the *Morning Glory*. This paper was read by my parents during my childhood days. Someone sent me a subscription about twenty years ago.

I am 92 years old and have terminal cancer with no chemo. Treatment. Pray for me as I face the final enemy – death. Thanks to Jesus for His forgiveness of my sins by His sufferings, death and resurrection. He won the victory for me! I am looking forward to release from this pain and entering into Heaven.

I love reading the works of the old Authors: such as; Hallesby, Ludvig Hope and all the other material you publish.

R. & J. O.

Hawarden, Sk., Canada

Thank you for sending us the *Morning Glory* which is filled with food for the soul.

We are saddened that so many of the mainline churches as well as the emerging churches are departing from the whole Truth of the Scriptures.

God bless your ministry through the publication to the furtherance of His Kingdom and to His glory. His Word stands forever!

J. N.

WA

Please find enclosed my check of \$... to help pay for past postage and mailing expense.

My wife ...passed away...and I cannot keep up with many

magazines so you can quit sending the *Morning Glory*.

We have enjoyed much of your paper but do not agree with Lutheran doctrine, as much of it is taken from the wrong side of the Cross which was directed to those who were under the Law. The Galatians had the same problem and were severally reprimanded for it. I was brought up in an old Norwegian Church and came to know Jesus as Savior as a child, so I do not give up on all Lutherans.

I do pray for you and pray you may learn to better divide God's Word.

Editor's Note: Most certainly appreciate prayer support; but this person does not state where Biblical Lutherans are in 'error'? Symbolically some folk toss out the baby with the bath water! **II Timothy 2:15.**

A. & D. H.

Twin Valley, MN

Greetings all of you fine people!

We really enjoy the *Morning Glory*! It has helped us to spread the Word and also helped us to make a change in our life; a change that hasn't been easy, but much needed.

Thank you and God Bless!

D. E.

Northfield, MN

Praise the Lord for the wonderful *Morning Glory*. What wonderful reading! Thank you.

I'm getting along O.K. Haven't been out much this winter.

The Lord has been so good and will continue to be so!

WHEN THERE IS
NOTHING LEFT BUT
GOD; THAT IS WHEN
YOU FIND OUT THAT
GOD IS ALL YOU
NEED!

Jesus Gives Us Paradise

Rev. 22:1-5

Townley (Toby) R. Knutson

Have you ever wondered what Paradise will be like? Have you ever wondered if you will be in Paradise someday? Have you ever allowed your mind to roam thru the heavens wondering how beautiful and perfect and restful Paradise really is?

Do you have loved ones in Paradise?

Paradise (defined) is Heaven, the blissful seat of sanctified souls. Perfect in all respects.

If perfect, then Jesus is there. The whole book of Revelation (Apocalypse) is given to us to reveal Jesus Christ – Rev. 1:1 *“The Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave unto Him....”*

Yes, in Paradise (Heaven) there is an end to all evil, and righteousness is victorious. Today, we will see that Jesus Christ truly is victorious and has gone to prepare a place for us as He says in John 14:2b, *“...I go to prepare a place for you.”* Do you remember what Jesus told the thief that was hanging on the cross next to Him? Luke 23:39-43 *“To day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise.”* All born again believers should be praising our Heavenly Father everyday of our life, in fact every breathe we take should be a breath for Christ. When we see from the Scriptures what Jesus Christ has done for us, we should realize this is the heart of the reason to praise His holy name. Yes, He has prepared a place for us, but first of all, He is the Way for us, to be able to call Paradise our home.

Let’s allow our thoughts to go back to Genesis 2:8-10 to see the first Paradise was on earth. *“And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed.”* *And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also was in the midst of the garden and, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; ...”*

Yes, there was a tree of life and a river supplied the life giving water to the garden of Eden. Only two people enjoyed this Paradise – Adam and Eve. They were banished from this 1st Paradise and so were all mankind ever since.

But, praise the precious name of Jesus Christ, the second Paradise is Heaven – to be delighted in forever by all people that know and love the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Today, let us rejoice in two of the many truths about Paradise: **The Tree of Life in Paradise and The Perfect Freedom of Paradise**

I. The Tree of Life in Paradise

A. First mention was in Genesis 2:9 as we have already read.

B. Revelation 2:7 *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; to him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”*

Yes, in Genesis, God banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden so they would not eat of the tree of life after they had sinned, and live in their sin for ever. This is one of the first examples of God’s wonderful grace and mercy to mankind.

In our text of Rev. 22:2 it says, *“In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”*

1. This fruit is a continuous supply - pleasant and wholesome

2. The leaves are for the *“healing of the nations.”*

a. Rev. 21:24 *“and the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: ...”*

Yes, this includes the Believers today as well.

b. Are you hurting today? Do you need spiritual healing?

1) Yes, the presence of God in Paradise is the health and happiness of the Saints.

C) Praise the precious name of Jesus, God has offered the tree of life to us, and all that repent of their sins and yield their life to the risen Saviour will be fed by the Tree of Life in Paradise.

II The Perfect Freedom in Paradise

D) Freedom, you say, what are we free from in Paradise?

1) All evil – Rev. 21:27 *“And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”*

2) Our old nature – The lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and pride of life all done away with.

3) Freedom from sickness – physical

a) cancer, heart attacks, strokes, senility and etc.

- 4) Freedom from all heart aches:
- a) arguments, misunderstandings, gossip and etc.
5. Freedom from death and tears
- a. Rev. 21:4 *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”*

E. So, why is it perfect freedom? Because Jesus the Perfect One is there with us. Rev. 21:3 *“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.”*

F. God is also with us today. Through His Word, prayer and Christian fellowship we can experience the wonderful grace and mercy of God. He has given us the Holy Spirit to live and abide in all Believer’s hearts as well.

G. Praise God, there is perfect freedom in Paradise – the Devil and his schemes will not be there – he will be in Hell receiving his eternal punishment. Yes, even the presence of sin is banished.

Are you rejoicing in the truth that someday Paradise will be your eternal home? Is your name written in the Lamb’s Book of Life so you can eat of the Tree of Life and be perfectly free? If not, Jesus is calling you and inviting you through:

A. Rev. 22:17 *“And the Spirit and the bride say, come, And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*

I praise the name of Jesus, for all those that know Him, for they will be overcomers and live for eternity in Paradise.

What a joy, what a future, what a mighty God we serve.

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GPS or GGS (God’s Guidance System)

On autumn nights as we sleep peacefully in our beds, millions of songbirds are quietly traveling under cover of darkness, heading south for warmer climates. Take Balti-

more orioles, for example. Every fall, they pack their bags, close up their homes, leave the key under the mat and, like senior citizens, head south. It’s the weather patterns that tell the birds that it is time to move.

“As cold fronts move across eastern North America,” wrote one expert, “they’re sending waves of orioles, along the warblers and other songbirds, on their way to wintering grounds in Mexico and Latin America.” As cold fronts pass, clear skies and north winds usually follow. These conditions are ideal for migration, allowing the birds to travel with no risk of storms, the wind at their backs and a clear view of the stars to help them find their way.

They fly over thousands of houses and highways, shopping centers and parking lots, passing state after state. If a particular oriole opts for a direct flight home, it will fly over the Gulf of Mexico in a single night, crossing six hundred miles of open water.

The entire trip from Baltimore (for example) to Mexico, Panama or Costa Rica takes about two weeks. But the oriole knows exactly where it is going. God planted within its little brain a perfect guidance system that tells it exactly where to go and when and how.

The Bible says that we are more valuable to the Lord than all the birds in the sky. We are worth more than many sparrows. If the Lord is pleased to guide the birds in their migrations, it’s a safe bet that He also wants to guide our lives.

***He who from zone to zone
Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight,
In the long way that I must tread alone
Will lead my steps aright!***

William Cullen Bryant in *Preacher’s Sourcebook of Creative Sermon Illustrations*

Why He Held to the Bible

One of the generals of Frederick the Great was a true believer in Scripture. Frederick the Great said to him, “Now, tell me, why do you always revert to the Bible?”

General Schmidt gave him this beautiful answer: “Because the Bible reveals to me a Father who numbers the very hairs of my head, because the Bible reveals to me a Saviour who by His blood expiates every one of my sins, and because the Bible shows unto me a Heaven where I am to spend an everlasting and blessed existence.”

Hy Pickering

Update

Could it Be?

As an 'under shepherd', concerned folk have asked me at different times to go and visit so and so. Gratefully I most certainly appreciated concerned folk and I am not seeking to quench this 'concern' nor the forth going in regards to the Kingdom of God! But I have a 'question'. As the Lord lays 'burdens' upon individual 'hearts'; Could it Be that God *intended* for such a *person* to go themselves, OR other means of communication??? If not, why not? OFTEN when GOD lays a 'burden' upon one's heart, He wants you and me to put feet to our prayers! Granted not 'all' members of a 'body' do the same thing; but work 'together' in order for the 'body' to function properly!

Personally I believe that God lays certain burdens/opportunities upon a person's heart to be directly involved in it! Also, 'disobedience' robs 'us' of some of **God's rich blessings!** As we know, with the promptings of God He provides the GRACE and POWER and MEANS to fulfill the same!

We are Very Grateful for each of **you** who have sensed the importance of this 'ministry' and thus support it with intercession and finances. Will you pray with me that God will be permitted to lay the burden of enlarging this 'ministry' upon the hearts of more people, all unto HIS HONOR and GLORY in these days of **Apostasy?** Please 'pray' that more folk will become interested in regularly receiving the *Morning Glory* and for provisions for the same. *It has a place in His Eternal Kingdom's Work!* Thank you so much and may the Lord bless!

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